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SUBJECT:BINGHAM AMENDMENT ON VIETNAM CONTROLS PASSES
THE HOUSE

1. THE HOUSE YESTERDAY PASSED AS PART OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL, THE BINGHAM AMENDMENT TO PERMIT NON-STRATEGIC COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS WITH VIETNAM, PROVIDING THAT THE VIETNAMESE OFFER WITHIN 90 TO 180 DAYS TO PROVIDE A SUBSTANTIAL ACCOUNTING OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AND MIAS.

2. ON THE FLOOR, CONGRESSMAN BAUMAN (R-MARYLAND) ATTEMPTED TO STRIKE THE BINGHAM AMENDMENT, BUT SONNEY MONTGOMERY SPOKE VERY FORCEFULLY IN FAVOR OF THE BINGHAM PROVISION AND WORKED ACTIVELY TO MARSHALL SUPPORTING VOTES. AS A RESULT, THE BAUMAN AMENDMENT FAILED BY 185 TO 223. H, HOWEVER, STILL BELIEVES THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE TO ELIMINATE THE BINGHAM PROVISION IN CONFERENCE. KISSINGER

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